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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Shiho FUKUMOTO, Keiji INOUE  
 HIGH SPEED STEEL AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD  
**Assignee: HITACHI METALS, LTD.**  
 Our Ref. Q80353

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 33 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, nine (9) sheets of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-105387	April 9, 2003

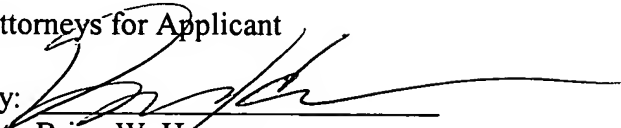


The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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